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SR/DOB MEMO NO. 191a

27 June 1957

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Training

ATTENTION : Assistant Chief for Covert Training, GS/TR

FROM : SR/DOB

SUBJECT : Request for Covert Training

Project: ARACHE

Pseudonym: Mario K. Giordano

1. Initiated by: [] , Division: SR, Branch: 1/DOB January 1953
2. Date of Project Approval: N/A, Type and Date of Clearance: 30 JUL 1956
3. Agent Status: Contract Employee, Agent Nationality: Estonian
4. Operations Officer: [] , Known to student as: []
Alternate Operations Officer: [] Known to student as: []
[] Room: 2607, Building: J, Ext.: 5331
21-25 DC
5. Training Dates: 3, 4, 5, 6, and 9 September 1957, Area: Washington, D.C.
6. Complete biographic background of trainee:

Subject was born on 13 September 1904 at Kuressaare, Estonia. He married Saine Siler of Narva, Estonia on 27 October 1926. Subject is the father of two sons. Subject was educated in Tallin war schools and graduated from the military academy there. Subject has a vast amount of military and intelligence experience having worked in the Estonian Intelligence Service, Finnish and German Military Intelligence Service, British Intelligence from 1929 to 1949 and with the United States Intelligence since 1950. Subject received the rank of Captain in 1954 while working for Estonian Intelligence Service. His 28 years of intelligence experience has included analysis and compilation, intelligence liaison, OE instruction, W/T, training and recruiting, assessment and handling of Russian, Baltic, German and U. S. Agents. He also assisted in the dispatch of agents into the USSR. From 1951 to 1953 he was utilized by GSGB as an operational assistant. Subject has the following capabilities: speaks, reads and writes the Estonian, Russian, German, French, Finnish, Polish and English languages.

7. Previous Intelligence Training: Course: Escape and Evasion

Dates: 3 - 7 June 1957

8. Project Objective: RETECH, Area of Assignment: Washington, D. C.

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9. Description of cover and duties to be performed by the agent in the field:

Instructor on the ABRADY Project.

10. Proposed cover to be used during training: Consultant and Instructor for Language and Area Evaluation Section, Deputy Chief of Staff for Military Operations, Department of Army.

11. Students availability for training: Full time.

12. Specific problems to be considered in handling trainees: This student is a long-term, SR/DOB Contract Employee. His main function is that of agent training. He also assists REDSOX Operations in research, analysis and planning of specialized REDSOX techniques. At present he is assigned as an instructor on the ABRADY Project and the objective of the Instructor Training Course is to enable Subject to acquire a better knowledge of instructor training principles and methods.

13. Specific training subjects to be covered: Instructor Training Course.

14. Technical training requirements: N/A.

15. Has student in the past, or does he at present, visit overt installations of the organization? No.

16. Special attributes to be evaluated: None.

Chief, SI Division

Approvals:

FI Training Officer

SI Staff

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